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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED AT
12 NOON MARCH 28 WASHINGTON TIME: QUOTE:

THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, THE HONORABLE E. GOUGH
WHITLAM, WILL CALL ON PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD AT THE
WHITE HOUSE ON MAY 7. PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM WILL BE
PASSING THROUGH WASHINGTON FOLLOWING THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS
OF GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE AT KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

THE PRESIDENT LOOKS FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE
PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM, WITH WHOM HE FIRST MET IN OCTOBER
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1974. AUSTRALIA IS A NATION WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES

HAS EXTREMELY CLOSE AND FRIENDLY TIES.

THIS WILL BE PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM'S THIRD VISIT TO THE
UNITED STATES SINCE HE BECAME HEAD OF THE AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT IN LATE 1972. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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